

25 April 1962

Dear Boris:

Thank you very much for your letter of 19 April, which crossed mine of 16 April.

What I regretfully told you in my letter still stands -- we just won't be able to be present to celebrate your 70th birthday on 2 July. We are extremely sorry but don't see how we can come, much as we are anxious to do so.

We are off tomorrow morning for Philadelphia, where I am to give my paper on Shakespeare on Friday afternoon. Our expenses are being paid by the American Philosophical Society as to hotel expenses for three days, but I get no honorarium. Preparation of the paper has cost me a good deal of time and effort, plus some money for typing services. So I shall give up engaging in the pursuit of financially profitless scholarship, as I intimated in my last letter.

We are well but tired out, and a bit unhappy, but we expect to ride out the storm in time and come upon happier times.

I enclose a copy of each of two letters which are self-explanatory. Please do what you can for young Kahn, as he is worthy. Maybe you can put him in touch with the right sort of people who have what he is seeking in the way of information for his book. I'm sure that M. Cylden would enjoy conversing with Kahn and vice versa. So would M. de Chauny, I think, and General Givierge. There are others I need not mention.

We are very glad to learn of your movements and holidays, and we envy you very much. Continue to have a good time, both of you, as long as you can.

We join in sending you and Annie our most affectionate regards.

Sincerely,

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